

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. WALTER YIN CHINN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Walter Yin Chinn. Mr. Chinn was a community leader in Chinatown and Little Saigon who worked tirelessly to provide opportunities to promote Asian community building.

I proudly recognize Mr. Walter Yin Chinn for his lifelong dedication to the Oakland Community. Mr. Chinn's integrity, ability and devotion to his Country, its citizens and his family enabled him to make a substantial, valuable, and lasting contribution to the City of Oakland, State of California, and his Country.

For many years as a leader in the State of California, Mr. Chinn distinguished himself for his character, and devotion to the interests and growth of the City of Oakland and its Asian community. He would go on to earn the respect and affection of all whom he interacted with, for his infectious personality and unwavering service to the community, not only as a private citizen but as a public servant in various positions.

Due to his reputation for being a consistent resource, Mr. Chinn was recognized as the Oakland Police Department AACC Citizen of the Year, and was twice honored as a distinguished recipient, first in 1993 and again in 2013. Additionally, he was awarded the Oakland Police Department Honorary Gold Badge in 2013 and received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy Reserves for his work on the China Clipper flying boat which connected the U.S. and Asia on Treasure Island during World War II.

Today, I recognize and remember Mr. Walter Yin Chinn, for his lifetime of dedication to his community, and for his service to this country. While we mourn his loss, we celebrate his incredible life, which he lived fully. May he rest in peace and power.

HONORING PAUL CHEVALIER,
USMC SERGEANT MAJOR

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Marine Corps Sergeant Major Paul Chevalier, a distinguished leader within the New Hampshire Veteran community who passed away earlier this month. A Vietnam Veteran who began his service in 1954 and proudly served his Nation in uniform until 1985, Paul's return to civilian life saw him take up the cause of championing his fellow Veterans throughout his professional career. This selfless dedication to our state's greatest heroes

was emblematic of Paul's passion for our armed forces and his tireless commitment to providing those who defended our freedoms with the care and benefits they deserve.

Paul's advocacy on behalf of Veterans saw him rise to the position of Post Commander for New Hampshire, where he became a trusted partner for local and state lawmakers looking to address VA issues and prevent Veteran homelessness. His candor and experience won him many friends, including former Senator John McCain who counted him among his most ardent supporters during his 2008 Presidential run. Those who were fortunate enough to know Paul in life will continue to honor his legacy by carrying on the important work he undertook at the VFW and working to ensure our Veterans have access to the programs and benefits that will help them lead healthy, productive lives.

Paul's absence will be felt across the state, and his memory will serve as the onus to reflect not only on what we have done to serve our Veterans, but how we can best care for and empower them in the years to come. I commend Paul for his lifelong dedication to our state's heroes and extend sincere condolences to his widow Cathy, his family and loved ones. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Paul for his legacy of service that will live on in the next generation of Veterans to take his place.

CELEBRATING REV. DR. BERNICE KING'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 60th birthday of Rev. Dr. Bernice King. A true representation of Atlanta Influences Everything, Dr. King was born in Atlanta the youngest child of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, then graduated from Spelman College (where she, like her mother, became a distinguished member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc), one of Atlanta's incredible HBCUs, and earned both a Master's in Divinity and a law degree from Atlanta's Emory University.

As the second woman ever ordained at Ebenezer Baptist Church and the CEO of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center For Nonviolent Social Change, Dr. Bernice King is a trailblazer and civil rights leader in her own right. Though there is perhaps no one in America now who carries such a heavy weight of history on their shoulders, she does so with unparalleled faith, integrity, and power. Dr. King's work to build our Beloved Community reminds us that we must move in the "fierce urgency of now."

Dr. Bernice King has been a church leader, organizing and developing several new ministries. Bernice has been a community leader,

establishing the Be a King Scholarship in honor of her mother at Spelman College and leading the 2013 "Let Freedom Ring" event bringing together a global audience including Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and Jimmy Carter, and commemorating the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. And Dr. Bernice King has been a political leader, playing a pivotal role in bringing the Atlanta business community to the table in supporting critical racial equity and social justice issues during the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests, leading to the passage of long-overdue anti-hate crimes legislation.

As her father said, "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." But what we must remember, and Bernice demonstrates for us, is that the arc does not bend on its own. She reminds us that we cannot afford to operate as if we have the luxury of time; "we must fight with a fierce determination to discover a win-win pathway to build the Beloved Community" and we must "forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline."

With that eternal spirit in mind, Bernice kept the Beloved Community together, engaged, and active, even during the pandemic. I was so honored when she included me with the illustrious LaTosha Brown and the amazing Al Vivian for an invaluable conversation in April 2021 about the rampant suppression of the Black vote around the country, and how important our continued advocacy for voting rights is.

During that conversation, Dr. Bernice King reminded us of her father's important imploration "Let us march on ballot boxes until we send to our city councils, state legislatures, and the United States Congress, men who will not fear to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God."

I remember that lesson every time I walk to the House Floor to vote. I make sure my Carter Cakes remembers that lesson when I take him to vote. And I make sure my colleagues remember the history that brought us here today, and what kind of people they expected us to be. And I thank Dr. Bernice King for keeping that lesson alive and bringing it to the people.

HONORING MICHAEL SACCO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following proclamation honoring the career of Michael Sacco, who recently retired after serving for nearly 35 years as president of the Seafarers International Union.

Whereas, Michael Sacco recently retired following nearly 35 years as president of the Seafarers International Union; and

Whereas, Sacco is universally recognized throughout the American maritime industry as one of its most effective leaders; and

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